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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,



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In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

The application presently contains claims 1, 2, 10-22. In the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, and 10-21, drawn to a nucleic acid molecule or a fragment thereof, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1;

Group II: Claim 22, drawn to a method of determining an association between a